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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Recovery Plan Implementation Team Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Recovery Plan Implementation Team (Team) for the Northern Right Whale and Humpback Whale Recovery Plans will hold a 1-day public meeting to consider whale recovery plan implementation actions, particularly for the northern right whale.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and end by 5:00 p.m., September 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The Team meeting will be held at the office of the New England Fishery Management Council, at 5 Broadway (Route One), Saugus, MA 01906-1097.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Thomas French, Team Chairperson, (508) 792-7270 (X163), or Sal Testaverde, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, (508) 281-9368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Team is made up of state and Federal agencies from New England identified in each of the recovery plans as having a role in recovery of these two whale species. The September 25, 1996, Team meeting will include a discussion on the Team composition, a report from the subcommittee on vessel interaction conflicts, redrafting of the recovery plans, a response plan for retrieving stranded or dead whales, and the construction of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's outfall tunnel.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Assistance to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of a program for providing financial assistance to LEAs.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 386 of Pub. L. No. 102-484, as amended by Section 373 of Public Law 103-160, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994" and Section 1074 of Public Law 104-106, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996," February 10, 1996, notice is hereby given of a program to provide financial assistance to eligible LEAs that are impacted by the presence of military dependent children or by the base closure process.

DATE: August 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Personnel Support, Families & Education), room 3E784, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Hector O. Nevarez or Mr. Norman R. Heitzman, Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635; telephone (703) 696-4354 or 4361; facsimile number (703) 696-8920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Program Announcement

During fiscal year (FY) 1996, the Department of Defense (DoD) is authorized to 35 million dollars to assist eligible Local Education Agencies (LEAs) affected by the impact of military dependent students or by reductions in the size of the Armed Forces. DoD shall rely on data from the Department of Education for the purpose of determining eligibility of an LEA.

Pursuant to subsection 386(c) of Pub. L. No. 102-484, as amended, 30 million dollars will be provided to eligible LEAs for educational agency assistance if without such assistance, that LEA would be unable to provide its students with a level of education equivalent to the minimum available in other LEAs in the same state, and

(1) At least 20 percent (as rounded to the nearest whole percent) of the

students in average daily attendance in the schools of that LEA in that fiscal year are military dependent students counted under subsection 8003(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703(a));

(2) There has been a significant increase, as determined by the Secretary, in the number of military dependent students in average daily attendance in the LEA's schools as a result of relocation of Armed Forces personnel or civilian employees of the Department of Defense or as a result of a realignment of one or more military installations; or

(3) An LEA is a successor of one or more LEAs that was eligible for payments in Fiscal Year 1992 under DoD Directive 1342.18, and satisfies one of the two previously listed criteria.

Pursuant to subsection 386(d) of Public Law 102-484; as amended, 5 million dollars is authorized for the Secretary to make educational agency payments to LEAs that are impacted by reductions in the size of the Armed Forces. Eligible LEAs are those that during the period between the end of the school year preceding the fiscal year for which the payments are authorized and the beginning of the school year immediately preceding that school year, had an overall reduction of not less than 20 percent of military dependent students, as a result of closure or realignment of military installations.

Any funds provided under this notice shall be available only for eligible LEAs who (1) exercise due diligence in obtaining State and other financial assistance; (2) are treated the same as other LEAs under State law for the purpose of receiving State aid for public education; and (3) file with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, a letter of application (see Sample Letter at the end of this notice) and a copy of an independently audited financial report on the LEA for the preceding fiscal year.

Applications for financial assistance in response to this notice must be received no later than August 30, 1996.

Definitions

For the purposes of this program, the following definitions are applicable: (a) Applicant. Any LEA requesting assistance under this notice. (b) Local Education Agency (LEA). A public board of education or other public authority legally constituted within a State for either administrative control or direction of, or to perform a service function for, public elementary or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a State, or such